

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated April 25, 2005. Claims 1, 3-6, and 9 remain pending in this application. Claims 1 and 9 are the independent claims. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that Claims 2-6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claim. Applicant have so amended Claims 2-6 by adding the limitation of claim 2 into Claims 1 and 9. Applicant respectfully believes the claims to be presently allowable.

Applicant respectfully believes the amendments to Claims 1 and 9 render the § 102(e) rejection over Jaspers et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,697,110; hereinafter "Jaspers") moot and request its withdrawal.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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